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Everton Shot Trying to Enter His Own Home Here

Roscoe Everton was shot in the foot Thursday night by Leslie Caraway, an ex-convict out on parole, while trying to enter his own home. Everton's wife, Zola, later left with Caraway deserting six children between the age of 3 months and 10 years.

A warrant for the arrest of Caraway was issued Friday from the office of William S. Smith, justice of the peace, and the Highway Patrol had reports that Caraway was seen in the vicinity of Malden Saturday.

Everton said he returned home unexpectedly Thursday night from Paducah, and found both front and back doors of his home locked. He looked through a window and saw Caraway and

his wife. He left Maple Brown, brother of his wife who was with him, at one door while he went to the other. Brown ran and Caraway shot Everton in the foot when he came out. Everton's wife left hurriedly and followed Caraway.

Caraway was arrested two days ago by Trooper Melvin Dace for stealing brass from the railroad. He was paroled to Sargt. Rufus R. Reed of the Highway Patrol.

Everton lives in the southwest part of Sikeston back of the Trousdale filling station. The bullet entered his left heel and came out at the front part of the foot.

New Cars Distributed in Louisiana From Here

The large number of new cars on the I. C. Long filling station lot on Highway 61 across from the Highway building for the past few weeks are a result of flood waters near the mouth of the Mississippi river.

For the past few weeks George Morris, Inc., Louisiana state distributor for Chrysler and Plymouth cars, has been using Sikeston as a storage point for cars brought here from the factory since Highway 70 into Shreveport, La., was closed due to high water.

New cars driven here and brought in by transport trailers have been held until orders for delivery came in from various parts of Louisiana not affected by the flood. Most of the time during this period close to a hundred cars have been here waiting for delivery orders, and a varying group of about 18 drivers has been stationed here.

The manager in Sikeston reported Friday night word had been received that Highway 70 was open and two transport trucks left for Shreveport.

Sikeston's location at the junction of Highways 60 and 61 makes it a strategic point and several distributing concerns use it as a stopover station in their drives from the factories in the north to distributing points in Louisiana, Texas and various other southern states.

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POPLAR BLUFF WINS SIKESTON TOURNEY

The Poplar Bluff Mules won the Sikeston regional basketball tournament and the right to represent this region at the state tournament in Columbia the week end of March 20 when they defeated Doniphan 41 to 11 in the finals here Saturday night. Essex won the consolation trophy by defeating Canalou 22 to 19.

The scoring machine of Coach Peters found little difficulty anywhere along the line in the competition encountered in this district. They won their first game from Bloomfield 43 to 11, the second round from Benton 39 to 20, the semi-final from Canalou 37 to 19 for an average of 40 points per game to their opponents 15-point average.

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displaying the best sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Referee Moore and Schuette might have given it to any of his teammates without being very far wrong.

Bell City, who looked good in their first game with Sikeston when they made better than 40 per cent of their shots from the field dropped down to 22 per cent in their next game with Canalou and lost 31 to 35.

Teams making the best percentages of their field goals were: Diehlstadt against Morehouse, 50 per cent; Doniphan against East Prairie, 47 per cent; Bell City against Sikeston and Farnell against Morley, 41 per cent. Lowest percentage were made by East Prairie against Doniphan, 4 per cent; and Essex against Doniphan, 6 per cent.

Supt. Roy V. Ellis, chairman of the committee in charge of the tournament reported approximately \$385.00 taken in at the door, which will just about pay the expenses of the tournament and the transportation of Poplar Bluff to Columbia.

Scores of the consolation and championship games: Consolation, Canalou: McWaters 7, Arbuckle 0, forwards; Greer 10, center; Moore 0, Blankenship 2, Cope 0, guards. Total 19.

Essex: Goedert 14, Prater 1, forwards; McMullin 3, center; Lanius 3, Langley 0, Taylor 1, guards. Total 22.

Championship game, Poplar Bluff: Ponder 7, Ayotte 11, Counts 0, Jones 0, forwards; Martin 14, Lacy 0, centers; Donnelly 4, Greer 4, Fisher 0, Gresson 1, guards. Total 41.

Ultimate Evacuation of Flood Plain Is Advised

Washington, March 5.—Sixty-two years of experience with American rivers has led army engineers to the conclusion that the only sure way to avoid flood damage is to evacuate the flood plains. They say that since river bottom lands were created by the streams themselves and have been inundated before, major floods can be expected to come there again, perhaps every 500 or 1000 years.

Recognizing the practical barriers to the abandonment of cities, railroads, highways and other valuable property in the valleys, the engineers suggested cities and towns should carefully consider future planning with a view to "ultimate evacuation of the flood plain."

Recreation parks could be developed in the evacuated territories would be "absolute elimination of the flood problem" such as could not be effected by means of levees and walls.

A few limited movements to abandon flood areas resulted from this year's overflows in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. In some instances spokesmen told the Government river bottoms would be abandoned as homesites if the Government would help resettle the residents.

Officials said, however, that the Government could not indemnify

property owners for flood losses, although some rural resettlement might be undertaken.

The theoretical catastrophes, or super floods, which could occur at any time in the next few hundred years were figured from a combination of the highest recorded stages in various sections of each great river system. A super flood would be from three to 14 feet higher than any flood of record.

Major-General Edwards M. Markham, chief of engineers, who is preparing a national flood control plan for consideration by Congress, said maximum security probably could not be assured to residents of river valleys within the next few years, because of the time required to execute such a large scale undertaking.

Neither could he forecast that the recent Ohio Valley floods would not be repeated this year. Such disasters, he said, depended entirely on the amount of rainfall in the watershed.

To control the rivers, engineers reported, four methods could be used: Diversion of streams into floodways, channel improvements, storage reservoirs and levees or protection walls. The last two, they added, constitute the only feasible means of controlling the Ohio.

Missouri Leads in Per Acre Cotton Production But Lags In Quality

At the weekly luncheon of the Caruthersville Rotary Club, held Tuesday evening in this city, J. R. Paulding, successor to Ide P. Trotter as field agent for the State University in agricultural extension work in Southeast Missouri, was a guest and talked briefly on the cotton situation in this section.

Because this is the principal cash crop produced in much of his territory a great deal of Mr. Paulding's work is directly connected with cotton growing (and this is especially true in this county) and he is interested in seeing such improvements made as will bring the greatest returns to farmers in this industry.

Mr. Paulding stated that of the twelve or fourteen so-called "cotton states" Missouri ranges up at least fifth from the bottom in total production, in spite of the small portion of the state devoted to its culture. Missourians may well be proud, he stated, that outside of states where irrigation is practiced this state ranks first in production per acre, its average being close to 400 pounds per acre against less than 200 for the whole cotton producing area—

and Pemiscot county averages around 480 pounds, he stated.

But as to quality, the record is not so good, the speaker said. Missouri cotton for years has been noted for its poor staple—an inch or less—and while the more northerly areas have greater difficulty in growing long staple cotton he believed that Missouri's can easily be improved by choosing the right varieties for planting. This is the problem of his department, of the local extension service and of the farmers, he said—the choosing of a single good, long-staple cotton variety and prevailing upon producers to use it exclusively, or much more generally, at least, than has been the practice heretofore.

With Missouri's soil and climate and the production of the more desirable staple, cotton culture will be increasingly profitable, Paulding stated, and he pledged the co-operation of this department including the local extension service to this end, and asked that of all his hearers who are even remotely interested in the continued progress of the community. — Caruthersville Democrat.

Kent Shoe Store Changes Owners

Paul J. Norton, of St. Louis, has purchased the Kent Shoe Store in this city, is now taking invoice and expects to have the store open and ready for business Friday morning.

In the meantime while invoicing he will familiarize himself with the store in order to restock with the latest in men's and ladies up-to-date footwear.

Mr. Norton informs us that he will handle the International Shoe Company lines and select that which will please customers in the Sikeston trade territory.

Mr. Norton comes well recommended as a good business man, a good citizen and an agreeable gentleman. He is a young man and confesses to be single and sorry of it.

James Crooks, a graduate of the Sikeston High School, will be associated with Mr. Norton and will be glad to have his friends and acquaintances visit the store on the opening day, and any day thereafter.

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APPEALS COURT TO CONVEY IN POPLAR BLUFF MARCH 23

The Poplar Bluff call of the Springfield Court of Appeals will convene in this city on March 23 and will continue through to September 26 inclusive.

This will be the first time J. F. Fulbright of Doniphan, recently elected judge, will be on the bench for the Poplar Bluff call. Perry T. Allen is presiding and Fulbright and Robert J. Smith are associate judges. Guy Webb is clerk and Monroe Sayers is court marshal.

While the docket is a rather heavy one, only four cases from Butler county will be up for consideration.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

trial particularly in New Madrid and Birds Point floodway, which was blasted open to relieve pressure on Cairo, Ill. Army engineers, Zimmerman said, have promised to begin repairs on the floodway as soon as the waters have sufficiently receded.

He will address the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Association in St. Louis March 12.

Miss Evelyn Allard Chosen Queen Of Fraternity

Miss Lacy Allard and Miss Dorothy Lee Waller spent the week end in Fulton with the former's daughter, Miss Evelyn, who is a student at William Woods college. Miss Waller attended the Spring Prom given by the college, Saturday night, and Friday night a contest for the college Beauty Queen was held, in which Miss Allard competed as one of three chosen from the entire school. She was also chosen Queen of York House at the Westminster College and will be an entrant in the Beauty Queen contest for that college.

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Highlight's From Roosevelt's Address On Supreme Court

Washington, March 4.—Here are some pertinent paragraphs from President Roosevelt's address:

We face another crisis—of a different kind, but fundamentally even more grave than that of four years ago.

I cannot tell you with complete candor that in these past few years democracy in the United States has fully succeeded. * * * For as yet there is no definite assurance that the three-horse team of the American system of government will pull together.

My great ambition on January 20, 1941, is to turn over this desk and chair in the White House to my successor, whoever he may be, with the assurance that I am turning over to him as President a nation intact, a nation at peace, a nation prosperous, a nation clear in its knowledge of what powers it has to serve its own citizens.

The AAA testified * * * to our full faith and confidence that the reservation of sound agriculture is essential to the general welfare—that the Congress of the United States had full constitutional authority to solve the national economic problems of the nation's agriculture. By overwhelming votes, the Congress thought so, too! You know who assumed the power to veto and did veto that program.

The Democratic administration and the Congress made a gallant, sincere effort to raise wages, to reduce hours, to abolish child labor, to eliminate unfair trade practices. * * * And what happened? You know who assumed the power to veto, and did veto that program.

The railroad retirement act, the national recovery act and the Guffey coal act were successively outlawed as the child labor statute had been outlawed 20 years before.

The nation was told by a judicial pronouncement * * * that it pleased the "personal economic predilections" of a majority of the court that we live in a nation where there is no legal power anywhere to deal with its most difficult practical problems—a no man's land of final futility.

I defy anyone to read the opinions in the TVA case, the Duke power case and the AAA case and tell us exactly what we can do as a national government in this session of Congress to control flood and drought and generate cheap power with any reasonable certainty that what we do will not be nullified as unconstitutional.

You and I owe it to ourselves individually, and as a party, and as a nation, to remove those doubts and difficulties.

If we would keep faith with those who had faith in us, if we would make democracy succeed, I say we must act—now!

Co. Tourney Games Here Tuesday Night

The Vanduser and Sikeston basketball teams meet tonight (Tuesday) on the Sikeston court in the first round of the annual Scott-Mississippi county tournament. Other first round games the same night are, Ilmo at Charleston, Blodgett at Benton, Anniston at Diehlstadt and East Prairie at Fountell.

This new method of tournament play is being tried this year in an effort to raise more money. It

has proved very successful in other parts of the state but has never before been used here.

No more tournament games will be played at Sikeston after the one Tuesday night. The winners of the Sikeston-Vanduser games will play next at Benton. Other second round games, Wednesday night, will be held at Benton and Diehlstadt and the finals at Benton.

Referee for the Sikeston games, L. McDowell, Cape Girardeau.

Missouri Pacific Paid \$16,886.92 Tax in County

Payment of 1936 taxes, amounting \$16,886.92, has been made by the Missouri Pacific Railroad to Scott County, Missouri. Of this amount, \$5,460.54 was for maintaining the county schools.

Total taxes, including special taxes, paid by the Missouri Pacific Railroad for 1936 in the city of St. Louis and the 42 Missouri counties in which it operates were \$688,560.21, which includes \$22,720.04 paid by its subsidiary, the Missouri-Illinois Railroad Company, in Jefferson, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve counties. General taxes paid by the railroad amounted to \$678,224.82, of which \$218,363.45, or 32.2 per cent, went into the public school fund and \$122,195.12, or 18.02 per cent, was for the bridge and highway fund. The remainder was divided: \$157,842.16, or 23.27 per cent, county and township taxes; \$117,759.78, or 17.36 per cent, city, and \$62,064.31, or 9.15 per cent, state taxes.

The City of St. Louis received the largest individual share of 1936 Missouri Pacific tax money, \$116,497.83, and Jackson County was second, with \$60,535.07. In addition to the City of St. Louis, 21 counties received payments in excess of \$10,000 each; seven more than \$20,000 each and five more than \$25,000 each.

The average tax per mile paid by the Missouri Pacific Railroad

on its roadbed in Missouri for 1936 was \$456.19, and for the Missouri Pacific and the Missouri-Illinois Railroad combined, \$442.44.

The share of Scott County was \$16,886.92 and of that amount \$5,460.54 went to support of schools.

St. Louis Boys' Picked Up Here

Two boys, John Woods, 16, and Orville Shannon, 14, of St. Louis, picked up on suspicion Friday night by Trooper Melvin Dace turned out to be run-a-way when investigations were made. The parents were notified and came after the boys Saturday. Woods formerly lived in Sikeston. His father, Estel Woods, was employed by the Sikeston Lumber Co.

The boys said they were on the way to visit an uncle in Mississippi before going on to California. Both boys expressed the opinion that "they sure would get a busting when the old man got hold of them."

Legislator's Clerk Found Dead

Jefferson City, March 5.—Israel Wigdor of Charleston, a clerk for State Representative L. D. Joslyn of Mississippi County, was found dead in bed yesterday from a stroke of apoplexy. He was about 37 years old and single. Burial will be in St. Louis.

SLAYER TAKES 150 YEARS RATHER THAN DEATH CHAIR

Joliet, Ill., March 4.—James Price, 36, one of seven Stateville convicts who escaped May 5, 1926, today chose 150 years' imprisonment over death in the electric chair for his part in the murder of Deputy Warden Peter Klein, slain during the break.

Judge W. R. Hunter, of Kankakee, who gave Price the choice of penalties of his plea of guilty to a murder charge, thereupon ordered him to begin the 150-year term. Price was originally from Rockford, Ill.

The sentencing of Price left but one of the seven convicts, Bernard Ros, unaccounted for. Four were hanged for their part in the shooting of the deputy. One was killed when trying to escape from the Joliet County Jail.

FATALLY INJURED IN FALL

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Northington returned Monday from Oubre, Ky., where they were called Friday by the death of the former's 4½ year old nephew, Ted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Northington, who was fatally injured Thursday afternoon, when a door of the automobile in which he was riding, opened and caused him to fall to the street. The boy, an only child, was instantly killed. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Northington were accompanied home by the parents of the child who will be their guests for several days.

ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

A charge of driving while intoxicated was filed against Noble Ray, Saturday night, by Trooper Dace, after the latter had arrested Ray for driving into the rear of an automobile, at North Ranney and Tanner street, that was occupied by a son and daughter of Judge Cope of Poplar Bluff, and two companions. Ray made bond, and the trial will be heard before Judge W. S. Smith, Thursday morning.

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Stark Seeks Resettlement Aid For Floodway Farmers

Jefferson City, March 5.—Gov. Stark called on the Resettlement Administration last night to help rehabilitate 1600 families made homeless in Mississippi County by floodwaters late in January.

In a communication to R. S. Smith of Indianapolis, Regional Resettlement Administrator, he asked for an investigation into the needs of the homeless families. He said Mississippi County was the only one in Missouri in which homes of the residents had been destroyed on a wholesale basis.

The Resettlement Administration was asked to step in and help with the rehabilitation of Adjutant-General Lewis M. Means conferred with the Governor on the Mississippi County situation. Means said a large portion of the homes in the county were destroyed, but that little damage was done to the land and residents wished to continue farming there if they could secure Government aid in rehabilitation.

LILBOURN WINS IN PORTAGEVILLE REGIONAL

Lilbourn won the Portageville regional Saturday night from Cardwell and will represent that district at the state tournament at Columbia. In the semi-finals Lilbourn defeated Caruthersville 21 to 19 in a game requiring three overtime periods and Cardwell defeated Marston 22 to 14.

JACKSON WINNER AGAIN IN REGIONAL TOURNEY

Jackson defeated Cape Central in the finals of the Jackson regional basketball tournament Saturday night 33 to 22. In the consolation game the Cape Preps defeated Fruitland 18 to 10. Jackson also represented that district at the state tournament at Columbia last year.

In the semi-final games Jackson defeated the preps 20 to 14, and Cape Central won from Fruitland 43 to 22.

CAPT. REED ATTENDING INFANTRY SCHOOL

Captain Rufus R. Reed who left last week for the infantry training school at Ft. Benning, Ga., will be gone for three months. He is on leave of absence from the Highway Patrol and will resume his duties when he returns.

Other Sikeston men who have attended the Ft. Benning school are Major Harry E. Dudley, who attended in 1924, Captain A. D. Sheppard in 1928, Pete Scott in 1935 and Tanner Dye in 1936.

Charges Filed Against Oliver

Mrs. John Payne, wife of a government engineer at New Madrid, whose car collided with one driven by Elmer "Hog" Oliver at the intersection of Front Street and Kingshighway last week, has filed charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of accident against Oliver.

Two other ladies, wives of government employees at New Madrid, were with Mrs. Payne. Both cars were damaged but no one was injured.

and building with the best attendance of parents. Mrs. G. H. Dover will be in charge of the social features of the evening.

Vienna Social Club Opens For Business

The Vienna Social Club, 110 West Front Street, has received its charter and is now ready for business. The laws of the State of Missouri permit clubs to organize and operate for the benefit of its members. In the room formerly used by the Schorle bakery this club has installed fixtures, booths, and in a separate section shelf room where a full stock of liquor of many brands, and wines are sold in the original package. This room is enclosed in glass with the only entrance opening on Front Street and will be presided over by a woman.

This club now has something like two hundred members and each member must purchase his own liquor or wine and deposit with the attendant in the club

room who will place the member's name on the bottle and serve same to the member or his guests on demand. No liquor or wine will be sold by the drink to any one, and no member can purchase same by the drink. He has got to have his own supply which will be served by the attendant.

Open booths have been placed down one side where parties, both men and women, can be served if so desired.

Clay Hunter is manager of the Vienna Club and pledges there will be no drunks served at any time and good order will be preserved at all times.

There will be no curtains or screens over the doors or windows and the club is open at all times for inspections.

Mr. Stallings to Speak at PTA Meeting Friday

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher unit will be held Friday night, March 12, at 7:30 at the grade school in the south building upstairs. Tharon E. Stallings, new principal of the grade school will speak on "Success in School Work", and a social time with refreshments will follow the program.

ing has been planned to take its place.

Fathers, mothers and teachers are all urged to be present at this meeting to hear Mr. Stallings. His talk will be based on the thought of leading educators on the subject of school marks and their significance and will be valuable to parents in suggesting what they may do to help children achieve success and happiness in their school work.

Prizes will be awarded to room

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For President in 1940
BENNETT CHAMP CLARK
OF MISSOURI

Sikeston is badly in need of better postal service. In a city the size of Sikeston more carriers are needed in order to serve the public. The business section is entitled to first consideration, then the residence section. As it is and with the hours the carriers are supposed to work, but one delivery is made each day in some sections, which is very annoying to patrons. The Department in Washington is expecting the same number of carriers that we had when Sikeston had a three thousand population to serve us now when we have seven thousand population. We would very much like a rearrangement of some sort that would give us the carrier service that we are entitled to.

Jos. L. Matthews is in Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, recovering from a recent operation. Reports are that he is doing as well as could be expected at this time. This is to inform him that his campaign managers, Messrs. Murray Phillips and Harry Hart, are putting in long hours in his behalf and expect to begin campaigning the alleys at an early date.

She had hinted to him that in a few days she would be having a birthday and finally, the idea struck. One night as they were billing and cooing under the soft lights in the parlor, he inquired if she had her wish, what would she choose for a birthday present, and she coyly told him anything for her neck, and she awaited with anticipation. The birthday arrived, anticipation is usually sweeter than realization. That night when leaving, he handed her a little packet, sweetly perfumed, and she could hardly wait to open it. Well, it was for her neck; it was a delicately perfumed bar of soap.—Budget-Gazette.

Boss to Steno—"I want you to stay at the office tonight and help me get a little work out."
Steno to Boss—"Why, Mr. Blop—the very idea!"

FARM CO-OPERATIVES IN BILLION DOLLAR CLASS

Washington, March 7.—Farm co-operatives in the United States have grown to a point where their annual business exceeds \$1,000,000,000, according to a report of the Federal Trade Commission to Congress.

In the season 1934-35, the report states, the organizations handled business estimated at \$1,340,000,000 chiefly in dairy products, grain, livestock, fruits and vegetables and cotton.

Such organizations, the commission finds, "have been of great value to the producers of farm products."

However, says the report, the lasting quality of such enterprises has not been all that could be desired. Their mortality record does not compare favorably with that of similar organizations in other countries.

"Many failures in recent years," the report states, "have been due to general industrial conditions, but often failure is due to inefficiency of management. Ability

to apply practical business judgment when theory and fact conflict is essential in the management of such associations. Any group desiring to organize a co-operative association should take advantage of the services of the several agencies of the United States Government prepared to assist in this field, and also make use of the large experience of the already well-established and flourishing associations, both in this country and abroad."

Discussing the formation of farmers' co-operatives, the commission reports:

"The marketing of perishables often made it more imperative for farmers to combine, in order to avoid dumping a product which could not be stored. While this had the concurrent advantage of not requiring the tying up a capital by holding in storage the commodities marketed, the ability to finance the crop for a non-perishable commodity is one of the best guaranties of a favorable price and some of the most successful co-operatives find a large part of their value in this function."

"The great development of co-operatives has occurred since the World War and was caused by the general decline in agricultural prices. Strong co-operatives developed, especially in the areas devoted to the production of cotton, wheat, livestock and tobacco, and also among milk producers. The milk co-operatives have a total membership of about 750,000 and handle not only fluid milk, but also various milk products. In 1934 they produced about 36 per cent of the creamery butter and about 22 per cent of the cheese. Co-operative livestock organizations, according to recent data, handled 13,000,000 animals in one year through 44 agencies in 33 markets. The proportion of cotton controlled by co-operatives tends to vary widely. Of the 1934 crop they handled over 17 per cent. The tobacco growers handled over 48 per cent of the crop in 1932, but since that year these organizations, apparently as a result of bad management, have dwindled away."

"In the 1934-35 season, the very numerous farmer co-operative marketing organizations did a business of about \$1,340,000,000, chiefly in dairy products, grain, livestock, fruits and vegetables and cotton. Only in tobacco leaf, apparently, has there been a retrograde movement of any great magnitude."

"The evaluation of the financial benefits to the farmer, apart from the fundamental advantage of not being at the mercy of a few overpowered buyers, was too large a subject for the commission to attempt in the brief time allowed for the preparation of this report, but adequate information this sort is of great importance for the proper guidance of the farmer."

"For the consumer, the heavy costs of distribution cannot expect to be kept in satisfactory check without consumer co-operatives, and the increased consumption that might thereby be obtained for the great masses of the people would also be of substantial benefit to the farmer."

Co-operative associations, the report states, have been active in the marketing of dairy products, cotton, tobacco, grain and livestock. It continues:

"Most of these groups of associations have in recent years increased in the proportion of total products handled. In total volume of business, the dairy products co-operatives far exceed any other class of co-operatives, having about one-third of the total co-operative marketing business."

"Although a measure of proof in the terms of dollars and cents of the value of co-operative associations in difficult to obtain, the Commission desires to add its opinion to the vast body of opinion to the effect, namely, that true co-operative associations have been of great value to the producers of farm products. These co-operatives have significantly increased the bargaining strength of producers and have reduced the spread between producers' and consumers' prices. In the marketing of cotton, for example, the co-operative serves its members in the classing, assembling and sale of cotton in merchandisable quantities of each grade and

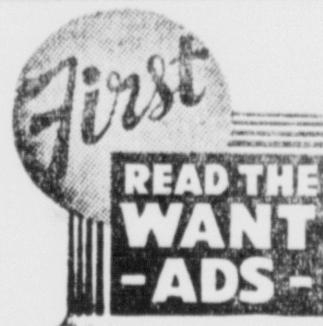
staple, thus enabling its members to sell their cotton on the basis of actual grade and staple, rather than to sell it without classing or on the unfavorable basis of the country buyer. Moreover, the financial strength of the co-operative makes possible the orderly marketing of crops and more favorable prices for its members."

"The fine progress and splendid achievements of co-operatives in certain European countries are worthy of mention. For example, 90 per cent of the farmers of Denmark are members of co-operative dairies and there are likewise co-operative associations of great importance for the principal farm products as well as for financing of business and producing of fertilizer, cement, seed and livestock. Moreover, the mortality record of these associations is extremely favorable. Outstanding results of the co-operatives of this and some other European countries where co-operatives are likewise widespread are great improvement in farming and farm equipment, a substantial reduction in the costs of distribution, wide diffusion of wealth and income, and the beneficial effects of group activity on the social, business and political life. Incidentally, more than 90 per cent of the farmers of Denmark own their own farms."

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith were called to the home of the former's brother, J. P. Smith, of near Poplar Bluff, Monday because of the critical condition of latter's wife.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Medley of Campbell were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Medley, Saturday night and Sunday.

George Lough, Dr. C. T. McClure and C. L. Malone have returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where they spent the past several weeks.



FOR RENT—Apartment. Mrs. J. H. Tyler. Phone 404. tf-47

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. 407 Wilson. tf-47

FOR SALE—5-Burner Ivanhoe oil stove, excellent condition; 9x12 Welton rug, reasonable. Phone 377. tf-47

FOR RENT—3-room modern apartment. E. J. Keith, Phone 236. tf-47

MEN WANTED—For nearby Rawleigh Routes of 800 families. Write Rawleigh's Dept. Moc-560-SB, Freeport, Ill. 46-48

WANTED—A place for general housework in some respectable home by young white woman.—Telephone 194.

FOR SALE—Baby buggy. Call Red Kirby, 728. tf-47

FOR SALE—One of the best paying service stations and cafe in Sikeston. Will stand investigation. Do not answer unless you have \$1000 cash. For information write Service Station, Box 111, Sikeston. 41-45

FOR SALE—50 bu. of choice cleaned seed mammoth brown soy beans and 6½ tons of No. 4-A certified Stoneville cotton seed for planting, at my home 6 miles south of Sikeston. Phone 2220, Sikeston. Joe Crouthers, Sikeston Route 3. tf-45

FOR RENT—Modern bedroom, single or double. Mrs. J. H. Tyler, phone 404. tf-44

FOR SALE—4-room house and lot located close to town. Very good price. Call 497 or 418. tf-44

WANTED—Salesman for inside or outside work. Experience not necessary. Write M. Box 111, Sikeston, Mo. tf-47

Need young man, woman or both for sales and advertising in Sikeston territory—Permanent. See John A. Bage Hwy 61, Bage & Larson Service Station. tf-47

FOR RENT—2-room furnished Apt. 403 North St. tf-41

FOR RENT—3 furnished rooms, 1 block from post office, 311 North New Madrid St., Phone 516. tf-44

FREE—If excess acid causes you Stomach Ulcers, Gas Pains, Indigestion, Heartburn, Belching, Bloating, Nausea, get free sample doctor's prescription, Udga, at White's Drug Store.—29-31-33-35-37-39-41-43-45-47-49-51.

BABY CHICKS—Get your chicks at the Sikeston Hatchery. 100% Bloodtested; Hatches every Tuesday and Friday. Write or come in for prices. tf-41

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 118, 521 South Kingshighway. tf-46

FOR RENT—2-room apartment. Mrs. Harvey Morrison, 319 Moore. tf-46

LOST—Strayed or Stolen, Pointer puppy 2 months old, White with Black ears and Black spots on side. Reward. H. T. Kerr.

SENIOR C. OF C. TO MEET AT PALACE CAFE WED.

The meeting of the Senior Chamber of Commerce which was originally scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening, March 9, at the Marshall Hotel, has been changed to Wednesday evening, March 10, instead, and will be held at the Palace Cafe, beginning with dinner at 6:30 o'clock.

At this meeting election and installation of officers will be held, after which Mr. Potter of the Industrial Department of the Frisco Railroad Company of St. Louis, will speak means, methods and possibilities of obtaining new industries for the city of Sikeston. Plans are also being made for a musical program in connection with the meeting.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce hope for a good representation from the various business concerns. Tickets are now on sale for fifty cents each but if not secured in advance, may be bought at the Palace Cafe Wednesday evening.

SISTER OF MRS. O. F. SIZES PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Charleston for Mrs. Ida Sharp Hazard, 44 years old, who died Friday at her home in De Soto, Mo., Rev. C. P. Thogmorton conducted the service and burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. Hazard is survived by her husband, Frank Hazard, three daughters, Virginia, Juanita and Doris, and two sons, Frank, Jr., and William, of De Soto; her mother, Mrs. Louis A. Tharp of Charleston; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Williams of Charleston and Mrs. O. F. Sizes of Sikeston, and a brother, S. F. Tharp of Houston, Texas.

Dr. Drace, eye, ear nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted. tf-47

O. W. McCutcheon of Blytheville, Ark., was in Sikeston Monday looking after his picture show interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Baber and Miss Lucille Stubblefield visited in Paducah, Ky., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sparks went to St. Louis Monday on a business trip. They will return home Wednesday.

Substantial Increase In St. Louis Independent Stores

Retail sales of 239 independent stores in the city of St. Louis, Missouri when adjusted for the number of working days, showed an increase of 19 per cent in dollar volume for January 1937 as compared with the same month of 1936, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Without adjustment for the extra day in January of last year, there was an increase of about 15 per cent. This is the first of a series of separate releases by kinds of business for the city of St. Louis.

This increase was a little higher than that for the state as a whole, whose adjusted sales increased 15 per cent in January as compared with the same month a year ago. Without adjustment for the number of days, sales for the entire state were up about 11 per cent. This report, which covers the larger independent stores of the city, represents 18 kinds of business, 6 of which, due to an insufficient number of reports, are contained in miscellaneous or in group totals.

When adjusted for the number of working days, but without adjustment for seasonal influences, January 1937 sales were about 44 per cent below December 1936. Without adjustment either for the number of working days or for seasonal influences, January sales were about 46 per cent below December sales. There was one more working day in December than in January.

All of the kinds of business represented, except Grocery stores not handling meats, whose sales declined 7 per cent, and Women's specialty shops, whose sales declined 2 per cent, showed gains over January of last year. Lumber and building materials dealers' sales increased about 40 per cent, sales of Motor vehicles dealers were up 39½ per cent, Drug sales increased 17 per cent, and Department store sales were up about 14 per cent from January 1936.

Between December and January, all of the kinds of business represented showed anticipated declines. Jewelry store sales declined about 75 per cent, while Drug store sales declined only 3 per cent.

Only a thick-skinned man can get along with a thin-lipped woman.

A Texan has been sentenced to life and ninety-nine years. A kindly court, however, agreed to allow the sentences to run concurrently.

The most mysterious thing about the going-on in Spain is how those birds can keep on fighting without borrowing money from Uncle Sam.

An old-timer is one who can

remember when the board of education was a shingle.

Better be certain not to make any mistakes in filing your income tax returns. They might be used against you in case you should later decide to embark upon a career of crime.

Don't worry over what your neighbors may think of you. If you must worry, worry over what they know about you.

When a girl sues for heart balm, there should be placed upon her the burden of proving that she has a heart.

Japan has started an industry which will bring fur coats down to a price level where almost any woman in the Flowery Kingdom may become the owner of one. The Government has organized cat farms to raise these animals to provide pelts for the coats.

Rev. W. G. Gaston was a field worker for the Tennessee State Antislavery League until . . . he slipped off the water wagon and was arrested in Union City on a charge of public drunkenness and forfeited a bond of \$10. The organization then discharged him.

As the result of a three-cornered taxicab rate war in Norman, Okla., students at the University of Oklahoma are riding at the rate of five passengers for a dime.

Frivolous drying was frowned upon in the Reich when Nazi officials warned the German people to use towels as sparingly as possible since they are made from materials which must be imported.

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Personal And Society Items From Charleston

Charleston, March 4. — Mrs. Rosa Goldberg of Ozeola, Ark., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wigdor on Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Lowery of Burnt Corn, Ala., has been the guest this week of Mr. and Mrs. George U. Shelby, and daughter, Miss Evelyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lamb and daughter Mary Catherine spent Sunday in Paducah, Ky., where they went to attend funeral service held on Sunday afternoon for Mr. Lamb's grandmother Mrs. Richard Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harvey moved Sunday to St. Louis, Mo., where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Davis of Walker, Iowa, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tinnell left Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Louisville, Ky. They were accompanied to Louisville by Mrs. Tinnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Jones of Dorena who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Guthrie since the flood have now rented a home in East Prairie and moved there.

Wm. Tinnell of Memphis, Tenn., spent the week end here with Mrs. Tinnell who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McFadden and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tinnell for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Moore spent the week end in Hot Springs, Ark.

F. I. Jones was a visitor in Jefferson City last week.

Mesdames A. L. Burnette, H. T. Bryant, Stotts Burnette, Frank Stotts and Lonnie Stader were visitors in St. Louis on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence Edwards of Advance, Mo., was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick the past week end.

The woman's Council of the Christian church met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Speed Prior on East Cypress St.

The usual business session was held with the President Mrs. Joe Howlett presiding. Plans were made for and Easter Prayer Service which will be sponsored by members of the Council. The hostess served wafers and tea at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. Jim Hill will return today from Cape Girardeau where she has been the guest of her son Dr. R. R. Hill and Mrs. Hill.

Misses Eva Lee and Martha Howard Jones students at the State Teachers College Cape Girardeau spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCracken returned Sunday from a visit of several weeks to points of interest in Mexico and California.

Mrs. F. I. Jones spent last week in Cape Girardeau where she was the guest of her daughter Misses Martha Howard and Eva Lee Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Downs were visitors in New Madrid.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and little son spent the week end with relatives in New Madrid.

Miss Ethel Corbitt has returned from a visit with Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Hill in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

J. W. McFadden has been confined to his home this week on account of illness.

Mrs. J. N. Smith is able to be out again after having been confined to her home on account of illness.

Miss Mary Reid Stotts a student at the State Teachers College Cape Girardeau was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stotts.

Shawnee Noffel has been a business visitor in St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shell and baby are visiting relatives in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. A. H. Marshall left Tuesday for St. Louis where she would spend the week as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ward E. Barnes and Mr. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Guthrie of St. Louis will spend the coming week end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Guthrie.

Mrs. James Miller and little son of Gideon are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boyd.

Dr. A. H. Marshall and mother Mrs. W. T. Marshall left Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Marshall in Birmingham, Ala., while away Dr. Marshall will visit points of interest in Fla.

The woman's study club met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Simpson on East Cypress street, with fifteen members in attendance.

Mrs. Charles Trickey served as chairman of the program the topic of which was Rudyard Kipling. The following program was given: Meet Kipling, Mrs. A. B. Gilliland. Reading The Elephant Child by Mrs. Ruby Thompson.

The Royal neighbors met Thursday in regular monthly session at the I. O. O. F. Hall. Eleven members were in attendance and enjoyed a luncheon served at high noon.

With Mesdames W. C. Brewer of this city and Ramely Wallon of Sikeston as hostesses. Following the luncheon a business session was held.

At this hour the following new officers were installed for the ensuing year. Oracle—Mrs. Chas. Bradbury. Recorder—Mrs. Eda Crewshaw. Receiver—Mrs. Rose Parks.

Mrs. John Albritton of Sikeston spent Saturday in this city the guest of her mother, Mrs. Martha Holmes and sister, Mrs. Salia Grissom at the home of the latter.

Mrs. Chas. Bradbury has been the guest of friends in Sikeston the past week.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Nazarene Church met Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. H. C. Finney.

Mrs. Glenn Swank the President presided over the business session following which the members enjoyed a Bible Study Program which was led by Mrs. C. M. DeFried. Sixteen members were in attendance.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon in circles as follows: Circle No. 1 (12 present) met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Carson. The devotional service was led by Mrs. C. P. Thorgmorton.

Business session conducted by the Chairman, Mrs. Chas. Reid. The hour following business session was spent doing needlework. Circle No. 2 (10 present) met with Mrs. Wm. Holloway. Devotional was led by Mrs. O. A. Jones. The Chairman, Mrs. Morton Brown held a brief business session. The remainder of the hour was spent in making quilt blocks. Circle No. 3 (18 present) met at the home of Mrs. Tom Brown. The Chairman, Mrs. Nelle Lett presided and held a business session during which plans were made to do a Bake Sale Saturday 27th. Circle No. 4 (10 present) met at the home of Mrs. Ella Deal. The hostess led the devotional. Mrs. Frank Thompson the chairman held a

Lower End of Spillway is a Desert

The Mississippi River, in full flood in Southeastern Missouri a month ago, created a "desert" in the Southern third of the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway.

A day's journey last Thursday by automobile, boat and on foot through that area disclosed nothing but desolation. The water is slowly receding.

In the northern two-thirds of the Spillway there is a rich deposit of silt. Fifty families have begun to task of rehabilitation, salvaging what they can in battered homes and dislodged barns. The task of beating back there is difficult enough. But in the southern part there are no signs of human life.

Many houses stand askew. Others are battered wrecks. Here and there a buzzard circles over the carcass of a dead animal. There are acres of slimy mud and brown cotton stalks; fence rows piled high with debris; trees uprooted and carried for miles.

Getting into that area was a problem. Twenty miles by automobile, then miles and more miles by boat down drainage ditches, through the huge Three State Timber Tract and finally more miles of walking over badly washed country roads.

One of the Major natural breaks in the riverfront levee occurred at the Miles T. Lee farm, now a 600-acre waste of sand and "blue hole." There was a modern home, a new barn full of hay, feed lots and a pecan grove, where now is only a lake.

In general, roads and highways in the Spillway are in good condition. The exceptions are in Wolf Island community where some roads are buried under three to seven feet of sand.

Hundreds of Spillway families are ready to return to their homes—but there are few homes to return to.

On one stretch of highway observers noted seven vacant spots in as many cotton fields. A pitcher pump, a dozen concrete blocks, and a miscellaneous collection of tin cans and debris marked the spot where tenant cabins formerly were located. The cabins?

business session after which the members spent the time making quilts.

Mrs. J. W. McColgan were guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hill.

Rep. and Mrs. Danforth Joslyn of Jefferson City, Mo., were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Joslyn.

Miss Miller of Wheeling, West Va., has been the house guest of Mrs. May and son Lex May the past week.

Burt Howe of Malden spent Wednesday in this city.

Mrs. Alice Swank has been ill of bronchitis this week.

Mrs. D. Gallagher has been ill of flu at her apartment on East Cypress street.

George Kirk of Sikeston was a visitor in this city on Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Reid will spend the coming week end in Decatur, Ill., where they will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grojean.

Some will eventually show up miles away but dozens of others have been reduced to shambles.

Owners of large tracts of land face still another problem. Few persons believe the riverfront levees will be repaired before the annual June rise in the Mississippi.

That means, according to Rev. A. B. Cooper, Red Cross Chairman, that large landowners will not waver thousands of dollars on a cotton crop.

"They can't afford to do so," Rev. Cooper explained. "Tenant farmers usually are furnished with a grub stake for four or five months. In addition, the landlord must furnish seed cotton, work stock and machinery."

"Cotton is one of the most expensive farm crops to produce. Cotton farmers usually estimate that one person can tend about five acres. A small family can thus handle a 20-acre tract. Larger families take more, but the cost of production raises proportionately."

"Unless assurance is forthcoming immediately that the cotton 'furnish' will be protected against the annual May and June river rises, these landowners are expected to break ground with power machinery and to plant corn and grain crops. What is to become of several hundred families who usually raise cotton 'on the share' is the problem. We of the Red Cross do not know the answer."

Comparatively few persons are needed to cultivate grain crops as compared with cotton, because so much more power machinery can be used.

Peculiarities of the flood still are coming to view as the waters recede. There is, for instance, the mystery of the dishes in what was formerly Peoples Market at Wolf Island. The last person in the building left three saucers and a cup on a table. As the water rose the building floated away. It was located more than a mile from its original site. The three saucers with the cup resting on top were found on the upper tier of shelving.

Residents of the lowlands have also reported ordinary pitcher pumps flowing streams of water during flood times. Unnatural pressure in the headwaters of underground streams, it is explained, causes this phenomenon.

First visitors to the southern end of the Spillway report conditions bespeaking hurried flight. Automobiles were abandoned when they slipped into roadside ditches. One farmer's automobile loaded with chicken coops still stands in front of his place. When a rear wheel gave way the entire lot of chickens was left, while the family moved on to safety.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Farris, each past 70, are living in a cattle barn. They refused to leave their home when word of the approaching flood was brought to them because for more than half a century they had weathered floods. Two young men fashioned a boat out of a horse trough, and rescued the aged couple from ice floes. The Farris home disappeared. The old folks have two mules and

1200 bushels of water-soaked corn left.

Traffic began moving into the lower section Friday morning, being routed via Wyatt, Deventer to 34 Corner, and then east to Wolf Island. A large frame house had lodged in the center of the highway near Deventer and Highway Department workers at first bridged around the obstruction until arrangements could be made to move it from the right of way.

Wyman Beasley, county highway engineer, has prepared a number of WPA projects for various highways in the spillway zone. The final plans were rushed to completion, and sent at once to Sikeston and Jefferson City for approval. The special messenger left with the papers Thursday night.

One of the first parties in the lower end of the area had to traverse a section of the Three States Timber, making connections with two drainage ditches to reach the Sassafras Ridge road, and then walk to the Burge Trevathan home, Story Farms, Miles Lee and Ringo places. Two or three cabins from the Story Farms were found lodged against timber in the Three States tract.

A meat storage house from another farm had washed nearly to the highway. The owner, however, heard of its location, secured a boat and removed most of the meat through a hole in the roof.

Trevathan, who stayed at the old Rynearson home during the entire flood, was busy fixing new windows, and making minor repairs around the place when the party of visitors arrived. The "big house" which at one time provided refuge for 39 persons, lost front and side porches which were battered away by high winds and ice. About 10 inches of water stood over the lower floor for more than week, warping the boards and damaging plaster. Much of the electrical wiring may have to be replaced, according to E. A. Story.

Present at that place was "Refugee", and apparently having the time of his young life. Refugee is a pig. He and two of his buddies swam to the farm during the worst of the flood, but the two companions went under when they were unable to find a resting place. Refugee was smart ... or lucky. He found a hull pile near the gin. There he huddled with about 10 inches of the stack still showing above water, until a rescue party reached him by boat and took him to the gin platform.

The Wolf Island school, also called Seminary school, is a wreck. Sand has sifted in to a depth of 8 to 10 inches. Books deposited in two steel lockers swelled with sufficient force to

burst the seams of the cabinets. It may be possible to salvage about one-half of the material in the building. Hundreds of acres of land in the immediate vicinity of the building are covered with sand to a depth of from a foot to six or seven feet. The road leading to the school building from the gravel highway is deeply buried. Eight or ten inches of the tops of fence posts still show above the sandbar.—Charleston Courier.

One of the means of speeding up field operations involves a better arrangement of the fields says B. H. Frame of the Missouri College of Agriculture. This generally takes several years to work out since fields must be changed gradually. In changing them considerable attention should be paid to both shape and size of fields. Large fields are more economical to work than small fields, and in general the best shape is the rectangular fields whose length is about 1½ times the width.

WRESTLING

Armory—Sikeston
Wednesday, March 10
At 8:15 p. m.

Frenchy Leavitt
Canada—Weight 190 lbs.

vs.
BUNY CLIFFORD
Louisiana—Weight 181 lbs.

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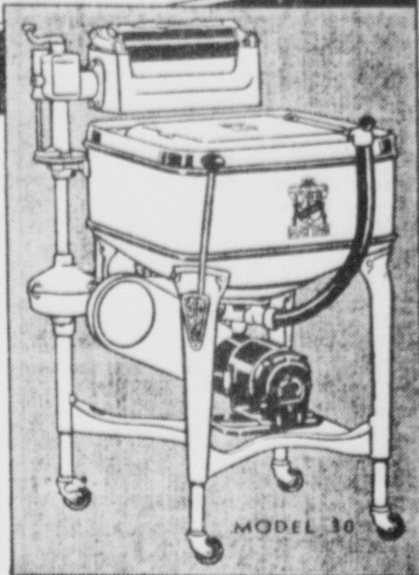
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We have been mistaken in the past when we referred to women as "the weaker sex." A story is told around town of a man who got into a fight recently, succeeding in whipping his opponent, but being run out of the neighborhood by the wife who beat him unmercifully with a club and bounced numerous rocks off his head for good measure. Most men are afraid of women for some unknown reason. A certain young bachelor told us once that women invariably would get a man into trouble. At the time he was lamenting over the cost of a date he had just had. All of this convinces us, and we should have known it anyway, that in comparison with the ladies, man is the weaker.—Shelbina Democrat.

Missouri Legislative Notes

In a last minute rush, members of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, March 2, the fortieth session day and the final date for the introduction of House bills, poured a total of 104 measures of a varied nature into the legislative hoppers of the lower chamber. This final offering increased the total number of bills introduced in the House on the above date to 499, as compared with 525 in the same period two years ago. The State Senate on March 3 was faced with but 155 bills, making a grand total of 654 before the General Assembly. Introduction of bills will continue in the upper house but a measure can now be offered in the lower chamber only with unanimous consent.

Mechanical voting machines would be used in all state, county and municipal elections in Missouri under the provisions of a bill recently introduced in the House of Representatives. A similar measure would appropriate \$98,000 for the installation of vote recording machines in the two state legislative chambers. Votes are now taken by voice and recorded by clerks, it requiring approximately twenty minutes to record a roll call in the House. The proposed mechanical system would do the task within but a short space of time.

More than thirty bills had been passed by the House on March 3, the forty-first day of the session. Of that number, however, only two had received the sanction of the Senate. They were measures extending the existence of commissioners of the Kansas City Court of Appeals and regulating the practice of dentistry. On the other hand, the House had approved but one Senate proposal, a measure which increased the salaries of jury commissioners in counties of 200,000 to 400,000 inhabitants from \$1,500 to \$3,000 annually. The Senate on the above date had passed ten other of its bills.

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So, now that practically everybody can be in on the fun, consider the precious subjects that these more powerful lights permit a simple box camera to photograph—the children at their evening games or in their nightgowns going to bed, the family gathered around the fireplace, gay evening parties when friends come in, the pets, Dad raiding the ice-box, and what not.

One of the enjoyments of making pictures at night is that you can control the illumination. In doing

this, however, care should be taken to obtain the right balance of light. Remember that usually you get a better picture with more illumination on one side of the subject than on the other. Either two flood light bulbs should be used on one side and one on the other, or, if only two are used, one should be placed closer to the subject than the other.

The light nearest the subject is the main light—the one which produces the high lights and shadows on features. The other is used to balance the lighting—to illuminate features so that they will not be too dark. If this light is placed too close, faces will appear flat and lacking in roundness. On the other hand, if it is too far away, shadows on the side away from the main light will be too dark and the lighting will be harsh.

Suppose that you have placed a bulb in each of two bridge-type lamps with the shade replaced by the cardboard reflectors. You will probably get a good balance of lighting by having one lamp about three feet from the subject and the other about four. It is an excellent plan before you snap the picture to experiment with the lamps in different positions, watching the different lighting effects on the face or faces. Always use the largest diaphragm or stop opening. Slow lens cameras having adjustable shutter speeds should be set to take the picture at 1/25 second.

JOHN VAN GUILDER

Proposed changes in the marriage and divorce laws of the state are now before the Legislature. One measure would require the filing of certified copies of all marriage contracts with the secretary of state, while a companion bill would make a like requirement for all divorce decrees. Another proposal seeks to have couples wait ten days to marry after their license is issued, while a fourth would not permit a divorced person to marry until a year after having received a decree. The House Committee on Civil and Criminal Procedure, to which the last two bills were referred, amended same and finally approved a 5-day waiting period for marriages, and a 3-month period before divorced parties could re-marry.

A bill creating a seven-member survey commission, including two members of the legislature, to make an extensive survey into every phase of state activity and recommend changes in the interest of economy and efficiency to the next legislature, has been introduced in the Senate.

The House has voted to submit to the voters at the next general election a proposed constitutional amendment empowering the General Assembly to supervise investments belonging to county school funds. Sponsors of the

amendment assert that under the present system county school funds had dwindled because of bad investments.

A bill proposing permanent registration for all of the population centers of the state has been introduced in the Senate. It proposes such registration in all cities having a population of 10,000 or more and in all counties having 100,000 inhabitants or more. Persons registering under the provisions of the measure would have their names on the registration books until they moved or died.

The House in passing March 3 an old age pension bill along with ten other measures had apparently decided to speed up legislation. The pension bill as passed was designed to co-ordinate with the federal social security act, placing the major administration power under the state instead of the counties. The bill also removes the retroactive payment feature which is in the present old age pension law. Other measures winning approval were of a minor nature. One exempted soldiers and sailors from taxation, while another extended the time a railroad may block a highway crossing from five to ten minutes.

Missouri must revise her statutes in 1939 and for that reason a bill proposing a 16-member stat-

ute revision commission has been introduced in the House. Under provisions of the bill eight members, including the president pro tem, would come from the Senate, and eight members, including the speaker, would come from the House. Revision of Missouri laws is required every ten years.

LITTLE RIVER BREAKS BARRED FLOOD AREA

Little River in Arkansas and Southeast Missouri proved a troublesome stream during the recent flood. Although its waters broke through levees and spread over thousands of acres of rich farmland in Northeast Arkansas, those who navigated it with motorboats probably never dreamed it was a navigable stream for steamboats 75 years ago.

Pack in the late fifties, regular packets ran from Memphis up the St. Francis and Little rivers, some found a way into Big Lake, Ark., and extended their trips to Hornersville, Mo., to bring out cotton and corn cargoes.

One incident of the Civil War occurred in May, 1862, when the little steamer Daniel B. Miller, piloted by R. D. Hall, went to Hornersville to deliver a cargo for the Confederate forces in Missouri. On board were a number of officers of the southern army. The engineer on that trip was B. Toney of New Madrid.

That year the Mississippi had overflowed all of Eastern Arkansas. Pilot Hall knew water was deep enough to get into Big Lake from Little River, so he started out with instructions to keep a lookout for a barge loaded with bacon which he was to pick up on his return trip and bring to Memphis.

The barge was located in Big Lake en route to Hornersville, but it was out of the main steamboat channel, hidden away at the mouth of a little creek. Captain Hall told men on the barge he would return from Hornersville and help them get the barge back in the main channel so it could be picked up by the steamer Miller.

An hour after landing at Hornersville, the crew was surprised with information of the approach of a Federal cavalry from Kennett. Captain Hall left the steamer and hurried down to the hidden barge in Big Lake.

The Federals attacked and captured Hornersville after a sharp battle in which a field gun was trained on the steamer Miller, almost destroying the craft and capturing several of her passengers, including the following Confederate army officers: Col. Williams G. Phelan, Col. James A. Walker, Lieut. Lewis Chandler, Captain Galbreath, Colonel Brent, Col. William G. Davis and Capt. W. A. Watkins. Engineer Toney was wounded.

Captain Hall heard about the boat's capture and decided to abandon the barge of bacon and make his escape to Memphis. The barge, however, was hidden in a new place and the federals failed to locate it, although they had information of its former location in Big Lake.

Captain Hall was given a skiff. He rowed across the overflowed country to Hopfield, Ark., where he was picked up and sent into Memphis.

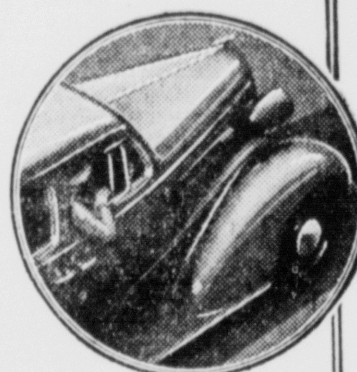
Information received in Memphis indicated that Federals intended using this river route to get into St. Francis River and attack Wittsburg and probably Madison, Ark. At any rate, people residing along the shores of the St. Francis began moving away when told about the attack. It never occurred, so far as old records show.

White River used to be one of the most important feeders of freight of any tributary to the lower Mississippi. Prior to 1861, and even until the mid-summer of 1862, dozens of steamboats operated on the White from Batesville as far as Forsythe, Mo., One of the old-time pilots who took boats to the upper White was Capt. E. Warner, still living in Memphis.

At certain times of the year, White River dropped almost too low for navigation, so the U. S. government built a number of dams, beginning at Batesville, to

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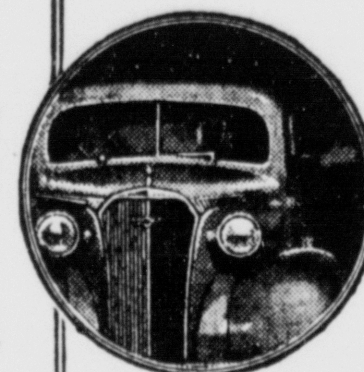
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One of these dams still remains at Batesville. Yesterday Capt. John C. Houston of the local U. S. steamboat inspection service, returned from Batesville, where he completed inspection of several government boilers and other machinery used at this and other dams in that vicinity. He was assisted by Fred Schmidt, junior engineer, and William Starr, boiler-maker at the U. S. Federal Fleet at West Memphis.—Commercial Appeal.

MATTHEWS SCHOOL NOTES

We are sorry to report the painful accident that Marie Dicker-man met with in the Morehouse-Matthews game when she fell on her arm receiving a severe sprain.

Several persons of the high school plan to enter the oration and reading contest of the county. Those receiving perfect attendance certificate for the first five months were Barbara Dance,

Thomas Frederick Medlin, Billie Williams, Presnell Williams of first grade; Charles Jones, Deane Lumpert, Junior Mills, Jackie Lee Perry, and Betty Drake of the second grade; Armond Gemeinhardt, Mary Alice Critchlow, Harry Perry and Benson Forrest of the third grade; Maxine Forrest, Louise Green, Ruth Evelyn Thornburg, Neva Dell Gemeinhardt, Nina Henson, Jimmy Lee Medlin, Paul Moore, Charles Moore, Raymond Fraley and Bethel Huls of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Those of the high school are Helen Binford, Mary Elizabeth Dougherty, Ruth Dunham, Ola Marie Forrest, Wanda Higgs, Edwina Johnson, Helen McGee, Mary Ethel Moore, Grace Pruitt, Kathleen Spalding, Vera Tetley, Junior Trail, Gaither Daugherty, Maggie Ruth Spalding and Maurice Thornburg.

From Canoy School are Charles Jones; Betty Stobaugh, Eileen Smith and Lois Smith. From White Oak, J. T. Riley. From Pharis Ridge; Houston Martin, Junior McElyea, and Glenn McElyea.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY CLAIMS NEGRO MAN AND WIFE

The body of a negro woman, identified as Pearl Levi, was found late Tuesday afternoon on the N. M. Ault plantation by James D. Ringo of the U. S. Engineers Corps, Coroner F. S. Vernon after a conference with members of the County Court, ordered that the body be removed to Shelby Undertaking Company at East Prairie. Burial was made Wednesday afternoon.

The story of tragedy, however, had its origin January 27.

Pearl and her husband, Ayler, had started walking out of the danger zone across sleet covered fields. The woman was sick. They attempted to cross a drainage ditch and the thin film of ice gave way. Ayler scrambled to safety. His wife went under. He reported the accident to Red Cross officials at East Prairie.

Ayler, the record shows, was taken to a hospital Cape Girardeau suffering with frozen hands and feet. An emergency operation during which both legs were amputated, failed to save his life. Ayler died on January 29.—Charleston Courier.

"I read in a book that Apollo was chasing a nymph and she turned into a tree."
"He was lucky. Those I chase always turn into a night club or a restaurant."

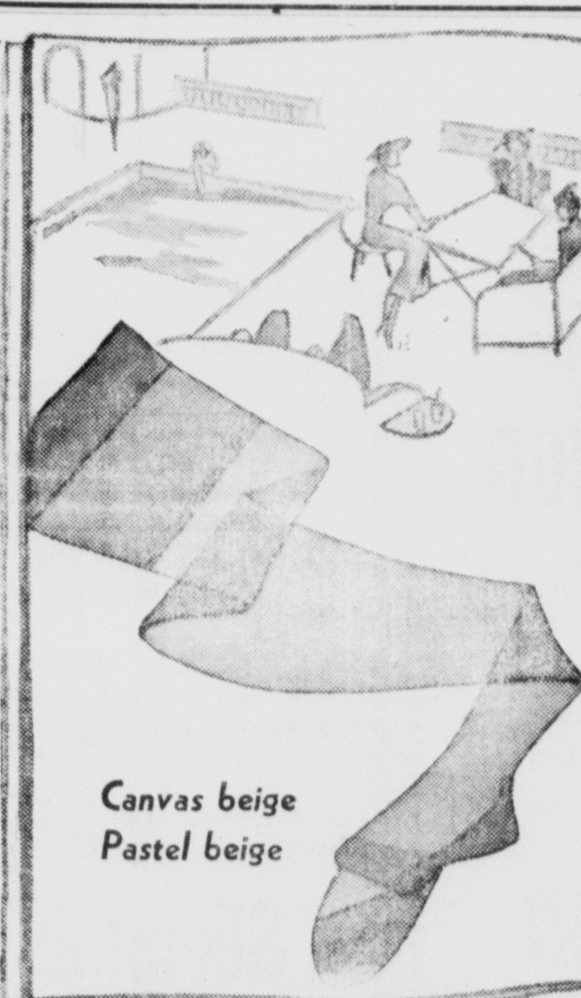
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Personal News of Sikeston

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graber and son Marlen, spent Friday with relatives in Paragould, Ark. St. Patrick's Bridge-Pinochle party at Marshall Hotel, March 17, 7:30 p. m. Catholic ladies, 2t-47.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Klein visited relatives in Millerville, Sunday. Attend the St. Patrick's bridge and pinochle party at Marshall Hotel Wednesday evening, March 17, sponsored by Catholic ladies, 2t-47.

Miss Geraldine Moll of Poplar Bluff was a week end guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mildred Allard.

Mrs. H. E. Arnold of Chaffee visited her daughter, Miss Mary Rose Arnold Sunday and Monday. Ann Blanton accompanied her father, H. C. Blanton of Webster Groves to Sikeston, for a week end visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Baron and little son spent Sunday in St. Louis, with Mrs. Baron's parents. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Conatser and sons were guests of Mrs. Conatser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boaz in Parma, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sikes have returned from a stay in Hot Springs, Ark.

Enjoy an evening of bridge or pinochle at the Marshall Hotel

Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p. m. Catholic ladies, sponsors. 2t-47

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Flint of St. Louis came Saturday afternoon to the home of the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh, where Mrs. Flint will visit this week while Mr. Flint is making a business trip to Dallas and Waco, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Johnson and Mrs. Clyde Graham accompanied Mr. Flint as far as Poplar Bluff Saturday night.

Attend the St. Patrick's bridge and pinochle party at Marshall Hotel Wednesday evening, March 17, sponsored by Catholic ladies, 2t-47.

Mrs. Lloyd Shields was taken Sunday in the Dempster ambulance to the Lucy Lee hospital in Poplar Bluff, for observation and a possible operation.

Mrs. A. A. Mayfield, Mrs. Murray Klein and Mrs. Reeve Smith spent last Wednesday in Oak Ridge as guests of Mrs. Brown Clippard.

St. Patrick's Bridge-Pinochle party at Marshall Hotel, March 17, 7:30 p. m. Catholic ladies, sponsors. 2t-47.

Louis Graber, Ralph Echert, Woodrow Hardin, Paul Skidmore and Glenn Shafer spent Sunday in Paragould, Ark., assisting in the placing of stock in a new store there.

Grabers Chain Stores are opening there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore are spending several days in Caruthersville and Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. W. O. Anthony was honor guest at a luncheon, Thursday, at the home of Mrs. A. C. Barrett on North Kingshighway, given by friends in compliment to her birth anniversary.

E. L. Tongate was in Poplar Bluff Thursday, in the interest of the local Fire Department.

Mrs. Lizzie Scott and daughter, Mrs. Fern Bowman transacted business in Cape Girardeau Saturday afternoon.

Enjoy an evening of bridge or pinochle at the Marshall Hotel Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p. m. Catholic ladies, sponsors. 2t-47

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Langley and children visited over the week end with relatives in Piggott, Ark.

Mrs. H. C. Young and son visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Penny in Poplar Bluff Sunday.

Miss Lena Hart of New Madrid was a week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. E. Mahew.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Malcom had as guests over the week end, the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Dickey of Gideon and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Schuette of New Madrid.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Malcom accompanied by Mrs. James Smith of Lilbourn, spent Sunday in Memphis with the latter's daughter, Miss Glenda Smith.

Mrs. Leo De Field, Mrs. Wm. E. Mahew and Mrs. Harry Hart and Miss Lena Hart of New Madrid shopped in Cape Girardeau Friday.

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Missionary Union of the First Baptist church will entertain the other circles of the society with a St. Patrick's Tea at the home of Mrs. Dave Reese on Ruth Street Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

DR. PARKER WILL PREACH AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUN.

Dr. W. W. Parker, president of the Southeast Missouri Teachers College at Cape Girardeau will preach at the Christian church here Sunday morning, in the absence of the Rev. R. M. Talbert.

Catholic Ladies to Have Bridge-Pinochle Party

On Wednesday, March 17, the Parish Association of the Catholic church will have a St. Patrick's bridge and pinochle party at the Marshall Hotel at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

ST. ANN'S FIDELITY MET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

St. Ann's Fidelity of the Catholic church held their monthly meeting Sunday, March 7. Plans were made at this meeting for a bazaar to be given after Easter.

Banquet To Be Given March 19

The men of the Christian church will entertain their wives, Thursday evening, March 19, at 7 o'clock, with a banquet, to be given in the basement of the church. It will be a get-together meeting of the Men's Bible and the L. A. W. classes.

\$23,973.329 SPENT IN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Washington, March 4. — The Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee disclosed today that political parties, their major candidates, and a host of independent organizations spent \$23,973,329 in the 1936 presidential campaign.

It was by far the most costly in American history.

The committee's final report, recommending drastic tightening of election laws, said the total cost of the election might approach \$48,000,000 if the "tremendous volume" of money spent by individuals and local organizations could be counted.

The Republican National Committee and allied organizations spent \$14,198,202, while similar groups supporting President Roosevelt paid out \$9,228,406.

The total campaign expenditure averaged 52 cents for every ballot cast.

The investigators urged new legislation to halt coercion of voters, clarify reporting of expenditures, and forbid political contributions by labor unions.

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The report, which committee members termed "the most thorough study ever made of political spending," said labor organizations contributed the "unprecedented" total of \$770,324 to the Democratic cause.

Nothing that corporations already are forbidden to give money to campaign funds, the committee recommended the corrupt practices act be amended "to prohibit contributions of like kind and character from all organizations * * * whose aims or purposes are the furtherance of group, class, or special interest."

The committee termed the corrupt practices act "a sound law," the impartial enforcement of which would "insure honest elections," but added:

"In view of cases in the last campaign, it might be well to add an act with respect to influencing voters through fear, intimidation or coercion."

Other recommendations by the committee included:

A uniform method of accounting for all national political organizations and national campaigns.

Recodification of varying laws on use of the mails, including franking privileges.

More than one-third of all contributions were collected from 3240 persons who gave \$500 or more each, the committee said.

Questionnaires answered by 2000 of these big contributors showed that 63 per cent "were in some way affiliated with corporations," while 4 per cent were employed by the Federal Government.

Other highlights of the report were:

The Du Pont families of Wilmington, Del., spent more than any other, 12 members donating \$510,370 to the Republican party and kindred organizations.

Alf M. Landon, Republican presidential candidate, spent not a single penny in his own behalf, all his expenses being borne by the party.

President Roosevelt's personal expenditures were \$20 for postage and \$650 in donations to Democratic organizations.

The most modest campaign was conducted by the National Greenback party, which spent only \$2.50.

The largest expenditure in the senatorial races was \$36,573 by Warren W. Barbour, former Republican Senator from New Jersey, William H. Smathers, Democratic victor, spent \$6154.

The 1936 campaign cost more than twice as much as the 1928 election, the most expensive on record until last year.

In 1928 the Republicans spent \$6,256,000, and the Democrats \$5,342,000, bringing the total to \$11,598,000.

BAPTIST BEGIN PRACTICE FOR EASTER PAGEANT MON.

Rehearsals were begun last night (Monday) for the Easter pageant "Morning Light" by Verna Whinery and music by I. H. Meredith, which will be presented at the First Baptist church on the evening of March 28.

The cast consists of twenty-four characters which will be portrayed by members of the church choir with Rev. and Mrs. Oglesby as directors.

Y. W. A. TO MEET WITH MRS. OGLESBY TONIGHT

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Y. E. Oglesby this (Tuesday) evening, 6:30 o'clock, for a pot luck supper and program meeting. All members are urged to be present.

APOLLO GROUP TO MEET

The Apollo Group will meet Friday afternoon, March 12, at the home of Mrs. H. J. Welsh on North Kingshighway. Mrs. J. W. Foley, as program leader, will have as her subject "Famous Artists of Today", and will be assisted by Mrs. Z. E. McAmis, Mrs. E. K. Ponder, Mrs. Roscoe Weltecke, Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Vernon Bowles, Mrs. Joe Bowman, Mrs. H. G. Sharp and Mrs. D. D. Ellis. All members are urged to attend this meeting as plans will be made for rehearsals of numbers to be sung at the 9th District convention of music clubs in Cape Girardeau the first week in May. Mrs. E. H. Orear is the district choral director.

Mike Meroney Badly Injured

Mike Meroney, Jonesboro circuit wrestling promoter, suffered a broken right shoulder in a match at Caruthersville, Mo., Thursday night when he was slammed to the mat by Jack Kenney.

Meroney won the first fall in 20 seconds but lost the second in 15 minutes. His shoulder was broken early in the second fall and he was forced to retire in the third fall, the match being awarded to Kenney.

Whether Meroney will continue to referee matches here is not known. He may retire from the ring until his shoulder injury heals.—Jonesboro Tribune.

DIESTADT AND MATTHEWS WIN GIRLS TOURNAMENT

The Diestadt girls won the 15th annual girls' basketball tournament at Diestadt Saturday night when they defeated Gideon in the finals of Class A. In the semi-finals Friday night Diestadt eliminated Senath 20 to 10 and Gideon nosed out Holcomb 33 to 31 in an overtime period.

Matthews won in the finals of the Class B division from Hayti. In the Class B semi-finals Hayti won from Charleston 37 to 20 and Matthews eliminated East Prairie 35 to 25.

O. E. S. GRAND OFFICER TO VISIT LOCAL CHAPTER

Mrs. Gladys Williamson of Dexter the district deputy Grand Matron of O. E. S. will make her official visit to the Sikeston chapter Thursday night. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Refugees Found Are Located

Senath, Mo., March 7.—Three rings, inadvertently left in a sweater donated for flood relief and given to a refugee, have been returned to their owners in Owensville, Gasconade County, by W. C. Caneer, who handled the distribution of clothes for the American Legion here.

The rings were given to Caneer by the refugee who received the sweater, and a newspaper item told of the occurrence. J. H. Hansen, commander of a legion post in Owensville, read the item and mentioned it to his neighbors, the Angells, as the inscription "V Angell" had been found in one ring.

The Angells had donated the sweater, and two of the rings were the property of Miss Vera Angell, while the third belonged to her brother, Virgil. The jewelry had been lost for some time.

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MISSOURI HISTORY

Courtesy Missouri Historical Society

Governor Clark's Strategic Proclamation of March 9, 1815

At the time of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, what is now Missouri, with the exception of a few scattered French and Spanish settlements along the Mississippi, was given over wholly to the Indians. Between 1803 and Missouri's admission to the Union, eighteen years later, the Osage, Sauk, Fox and other Indian tribes gave up by treaty to the United States government virtually all their many millions of acres.

As part of these Indian cessions and looming large in the story of Indian land transfers in Missouri, is the famous treaty drawn up at Fort Clark, later known as Fort Osage, in 1808. Though much has been written of the transfer of Manhattan Island from the hands of the Indians to those of the whites for an inconsequential amount of colored trinkets, relatively few Missourians are aware of the real estate transaction by which the Osage Indians yielded up to the United States government lands in Missouri totaling more than half the present area of the State. The story of the consummation of this treaty and of the deprivation of the Osage Indians of their lands is one of the most dramatic episodes in Missouri history.

After the Louisiana Purchase, at least a partial acquisition of the Osage lands in Missouri and Arkansas became a necessity. Formerly the friends of the French, the lawless Osages after the cession became increasingly hostile and bold in their depredations. President Jefferson's original plan, in negotiating the treaty of 1808, was to remove the Osages

and thereby to make room for the transfer to the West of Indian tribes East of the Mississippi. Land hungry Missouri pioneers, however, had other ideas and barricaded in log forts they contested with the Indians the fabulously rich lands of the famed Boonslick.

Shortly prior to the negotiations of the treaty, the U. S. Secretary of War directed that a factory be established on the Missouri river in an effort to make peace with the Osages. In accordance with this order, a fort was erected on a prominent bluff commanding a magnificent view of the river near the present town of Sibley in Jackson county known as Fort Clark and, later, as Fort Osage, which was to remain for years the westernmost outpost of the U. S. To this fort was sent a quantity of supplies such as the Indians needed, thus being the surest way to gain their friendship and interest. By the establishment of this factory, the Osages were to be adroitly ensnared into making a treaty.

The story is told by George Sibley, who, at the time, was Indian agent at Fort Osage: "On the 8th of November, 1808, Peter Chouteau (the U. S. agent of the Osages), arrived at Fort Clark. On the 10th he assembled the chiefs and warriors of the Great and Little Osages in council and proceeded to state to them the substance of a treaty which he said Governor Clark had deputed him to offer. The Osages replied in substance 'that if the Great American Father wanted a part of their land, what choice they do? They had no choice; they must sign the treaty or be declared the enemies of the U. S.' 'Thus,' says Sibley, 'the trading house which had been established gratuitously was made a part of the price of the lands acquired under the treaty of the U. S.'"

Under the provisions of the treaty, which was not ratified until 1810, the Osages ceded to the U. S. the vast region lying north of the Arkansas river and east of a line running south from Fort Clark to that stream—an imperial domain which embraced all the land within the present state of Arkansas north of the Arkansas river and over half of what is now the present State of Missouri. Thus was the Osage title extinguished in Missouri with the exception of within a narrow strip along the western border.

Major S. H. Long, who was an

eye witness to the treaty at Fort Osage as well as Sibley, says that many of the chiefs objected to giving up their lands but rather than cause trouble, agreed to the terms. Many of them, Long states, never understood the terms of the cession.

After William Clark became governor of Missouri Territory in 1813, he issued a proclamation on March 9, 1815, in regard to the Osage cession wherein he eliminated any possibility of doubt that the cession of 1808 included all claims of the Osages north of the Missouri. At the same time, he denied the existence of all other Indian claims in this region. Thus, by one swift, masterful and strategic stroke, Clark made the Osage treaty the basis of the extinction of all other Indian claims in the vast Osage cession as applicable to lands north of the Missouri river.

SPECIAL DROUGHT NEWS
BULLETIN ISSUED BY U. S.

Beneficial Snow Halts Soil Drifting

Several days of dust storms in the dry sections of Western Kansas and the panhandle sections of Oklahoma and Texas were brought to a close by a heavy fall of snow on February 20 and the resultant moisture was expected to wet the top soil sufficiently in some sections to carry thru the period of strong winds without serious additional erosion. The snow, which was general throughout the Great Plains country, drifted rather badly under a high wind and highway traffic was greatly handicapped for a period of 24 to 48 hours. Thawing temperatures followed in some sections the day following the storm and only the largest drifts remained at the close of the week. Rather heavy damage to winter wheat was reported prior to the snowfall as a result of soil drifting, but after the moisture was received farmers in the affected area were more optimistic about the probability of producing a crop than in several seasons. Some increase in feeding operations was necessary as a result of the snow, although the relatively moderate temperatures which accompanied the storm caused less hardship than if it has been severely cold.

Demand for Feed Remains Quiet; Prices Continue Decline

Influenced by weakness in grains, particularly wheat as a result of the beneficial moisture, liberal offerings and approaching green feeds in southern areas, demand for commercial and by-product feedstuffs remained limited the past week and prices continued the recent downward trend. Practically all feeds were moderately to sharply lower at Kansas City as compared with a week ago, with the snow storm having little or no effect in stimulating buyers' interest. Concentrates, including cottonseed, linseed and soybean cake and meal, were down about \$1 per ton, with offerings from crushers in producing sections of liberal volume and the lower prices failing to bring buyers in for important supplies. Wheat mill-feeds dropped from \$1 on shorts to \$1.75 on bran. Fair amounts were being sold daily, but orders from individual buyers generally were limited to small amounts for actual immediate requirements. A decline of \$5 per ton was shown in tankage and meatscraps, with demand failing to revive as much as expected after roads cleared up. Corn by-product feeds, including hominy and gluten feed and meal, were in slow demand, the former declining \$1 per ton and the latter holding unchanged. Alfalfa hay prices in the central west displayed as easier tone and this was reflected to some extent in quotations for alfalfa meal. Rather liberal quantities of alfalfa meal were being fed with molasses in Nebraska, however, where many farmers have had tops and

bottoms of hay stacks ground into meal and mixed with blackstrap for home use, thereby releasing more of their merchantable quality hay for market. In the Platte River valley of Nebraska growers were reported anxious to dispose of remaining surplus alfalfa supplies before the growing season begins. This was reflected in about 50 cents per ton lower prices and rather liberal consignments to terminal markets. Lower grades of alfalfa declined about \$1 per ton at Kansas City as a result of this increased selling pressure.

Federal Livestock Feed Agency To List Seed Grain

With the time for planting oats now at hand in the southern part of the drought area and some interest being manifest in seed corn and other grains for seed, the Federal Livestock Feed Agency will list seed grain, as well as grain for livestock feed, on its records for a limited time. Listings of grains suitable for seed purposes will be obtained on the last survey of feed grains which is now under way. It is anticipated that much grain will be listed as seed that will not meet seed requirements, or for which there will be no demand. Such seed undoubtedly will later be offered by its owners as livestock feed. After the survey it completed the listings of seed grains will be distributed within the states in which the seed is located and will also be referred to agricultural officials in adjacent states for whatever use they care to make of them. By listing feed grains for both feed and seed, it is anticipated that the Agency will be able to keep in close touch with the surplus grain for sale in the drought states and nearby territory.

Agency To Co-operate With Red Cross In Feed Purchases

Latest plans with regard to purchase of livestock feed supplies by the American Red Cross for distribution in flood stricken areas in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys are that purchases will be handled by the Regional Directors of the Red Cross, except that where local prices for feed appear exorbitant, car lot purchases will be made thru the Federal Livestock Feed Agency and the Hay Purchasing Office of the Resettlement Administration at Kansas City. Purchases for the account of the American Red Cross will be made by the Feed Agency and the Resettlement office only upon authority from Regional Red Cross Directors. As far as practicable, purchases of livestock feed for the Red Cross will be handled thru regular trade channels.

Final Survey Of Feed Grain Supplies Under Way

The Federal Livestock Feed Agency now has under way its final survey of surplus feed grain supplies available for use in the drought and flooded areas. As soon as the listings are in they will be compiled by states and distributed to thousands of livestock feeders, retail feed dealers and others in the deficit areas. Producers, dealers and shippers who have a surplus of feed grains on hand and who wish to have the Agency refer prospective buyers to them should list their supplies with the Agency on the questionnaires which are now being mailed out. Persons interested in buying feed grains may obtain the listings free of charge by getting in touch with the Agency at 755 Livestock Exchange, Kansas City, Missouri.

Abuse of Emergency Freight Rate Privileges Reported

It has come to the attention of the Federal Livestock Feed Agency that in some instances the provisions of Western Lines Circular 33-C, providing reduced freight rates on livestock feeds, are not being complied with. There appears to be a tendency on the part of some feed distributors to ask for emergency rates on feed grains that are not being used entirely as feed for livestock. The reduced freight rates were granted in an effort to aid livestock feeders in carrying their animals thru the period of reduced and irregularly distributed feed supplies and all groups of the feed industry should co-operate with railroads to the fullest extent in carrying out the provisions of the emergency tariffs. Continuation of abuses might result in possible discontinuance of the reduced freight rates in certain states before the originally scheduled expiration date of Circular 33-C, or preclude the possibility of the rates being extended.

feeding of molasses to work stock may obtain information on the subject from State Agricultural College or the Federal Livestock Feed Agency. The Agency has prepared circulars on the subject which may be obtained free of charge upon request.

Molasses For Work Stock

The time is close at hand when spring farming operations will begin in the drought areas. Plowing and planting are already under way in the extreme southern part of the drought territory. This will call for increased feeding of work stock. With feed grains relatively scarce and high priced, and the supply of high grade work stock hay in the drought states short, the most economical use will have to be made of the feed available. Where oats can be secured, they are slightly cheaper than corn or barley. A mixture for work stock containing molasses, oats and cut hay should prove to be economical. A daily ration per horse of 5 to 7 pounds of blackstrap molasses, 6 to 8 pounds of oats and a few pounds of cut hay should prove very satisfactory. Most of the surplus hay available at this time is low grade. It could, in many instances, be used most advantageously when fed with molasses. Molasses may be fed to a better advantage as spring approaches and temperatures become higher, which makes molasses flow more readily from containers. Persons interested in the

Work Stock Hay Available In The Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Since supplies of good quality work stock hay appear to be unusually limited in the drought states, attention is directed to the relatively large surplus of timothy and timothy-clover mixed hay that is available in the upper peninsula of Michigan. Surplus Michigan hay listed for sale with the Agency at this time totals 9,000 cars, most of which is in the upper peninsula and may be shipped to the drought states on the basis of emergency rates. The hay from that area could be shipped as far south as central Missouri and marketed in competition with Kansas, Oklahoma and south Texas upland prairie hay.

CARUTHERSVILLE ORDERS STORES SHUT ON SUNDAY

Caruthersville, March 5.—Pending a "final" decision next month on the question of closing grocery stores on Sunday, the City Council has voted to have

the stores remain closed on Sundays. A petition was presented to the Council by 18 store proprietors, after some citations had been made for doing business in violation of an ordinance.

The petition is a repercussion of the recent enforcement of the Sunday closing ordinance relative to groceries and meat markets, brought about at the request of a number of uptown grocery merchants and employees who petitioned the council last month to enforce the Sunday closing law. Last month the Council accepted the petitioners' request and instructed the police chief to enforce the ordinance. About 38 signers were included on the first petition.

In a 5 to 4 vote the Council decided to continue the present enforcement plan, pending the final outcome of the matter at next month's meeting, and they indicated that their final decision would depend on the wishes of a majority of all the grocery and market owners.

NEW MOVE WOULD GIVE STATE FUNDS IN INSURANCE CASE

Jefferson City, March 4.—A bill, aimed at strengthening the state escheats law and at obtaining funds impounded in the 10

per cent insurance rate case in the Cole county circuit court, was introduced in the senate Thursday by Sen. J. C. McDowell, Charleston.

The bill was reported to have been sponsored by Atty. Gen. Roy McKittrick.

It was introduced after the constitutionality of a house bill, seeking the same end, had been questioned in some quarters.

McDowell's bill provides that funds impounded in courts, will revert to the state escheats fund 90 days after settlement of the case. For five years thereafter, claimants may file for portions of the money with an escheats board composed of the governor, the attorney general and the state treasurer.

The present law makes no provision for state control within a short period after settlement and requires that the money be held in the fund for 21 years before all claims are disallowed. Piano shipments increased 38 per cent in January, compared with a year ago, and were the largest for the month in a decade, the National Piano Manufacturers Association reports. Shipments totaled 7517 units. Unfilled orders at the end of the month totaled 4841, compared with 2546 a year ago.

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All of the balance of Lot Four (4) not heretofore deeded to other parties, which deeds are of record at Benton, Scott County, Missouri; and all of Lots Five (5) to Eight (8) inclusive, all in Block 26, McCoy & Tanner's sixth Addition to the City of Sikeston, Missouri; also all of the South One-Half (S½) of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Three (3) and the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of said Section Three (3), all in Township 26 North of Range 14 East of the Fifth principal meridian, in Scott County, Missouri, containing one hundred and twenty (120) acres, more or less, and I will, on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1937, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day at the East front door of the Court House in the town of Benton, Missouri, sell at Public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash, all of the above described property, or so much thereof, as may be necessary to satisfy said execution and costs.

Signed and Sealed this 20th day of February, 1937.

WADE ANDERSON,
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